MEMORANDUM

The Department of the Army plans to establish on Formosa a ground based electronics countermeasures unit for operations on Taiwan in the Hsinchu shih area. Under present plans the unit would operate in conjunction with the electronic search unit at Hokkaido, Japan. The operation would be on an experimental six months basis, its continuance contingent on the technical results obtained.

Two officers and 25 enlisted men would be assigned to the program with operational control being exercised by Admiral Radford and administrative support contributed by MAAG/Formosa. No MDAP funds are involved.

General Chase has obtained General Chou Chih-jou's concurrance but the Department of State desires that the Embassy clear with the Foreign Office in obtaining the Chinese Government's approval for the survey team to visit Formosa about May 25, 1953, to survey tentative operational sites and make necessary administrative and logistical arrangements; also to stationing of the unit here for the period specified. The survey is estimated to take about twenty days and if successful, the unit would be deployed on Formosa approximately four months later.

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